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March 18, 2014

The Honorable Assemblymember Anthony Rendon  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849, Room 2136  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0063

Dear Assemblymember Rendon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on AB 1331, the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014. As you know, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) was established as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The Conservancy was intended to be an implementing agency for the Delta Plan as a lead for ecosystem restoration and to support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents.

At the March 12, 2014, meeting, the Conservancy's Board of Directors approved a motion to provide the following comments on your bill. Gubernatorial appointments to the Board, the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the Director of Finance abstained from this action, and this letter in no way implies a recommendation or position from the Administration.

The Conservancy was designated in its enabling legislation to act collaboratively and cooperatively with all levels of government (State, Federal, and local) and local stakeholders. Receiving funding from the proposed water bond is fundamental to the Conservancy's success, operations, and existences as envisioned by the Legislature.

As Chair of the Conservancy Board, and on behalf of many of its voting members it is gratifying to see serious consideration of Delta needs as listed in Chapter 8 of your legislation. We are concerned, however, about a lack of language in the bill listing criteria by which those funds allocated for Delta projects would be designated. In particular, the Conservancy Board is concerned that there is no language expressing intent to have a balanced disbursement between ecosystem restoration and Delta sustainability, especially agricultural sustainability.

Furthermore, while we realize that the legislation purposefully does not designate State agency recipients for bond money, the Board suggests that you consider making an exception for the Conservancy; in the view of many on the Board, doing so would go a long way in building local support for your legislation. In the absence



of language designating funds to the Conservancy, we believe criteria for disbursement should include strong preference for organizations that have participation of local interests in guiding project development, evaluation and funding decisions.

In the three years the Conservancy has been in existence, it has accomplished much with very little funds. In addition to launching a well-received Delta branding and marketing project, the Conservancy has partnered with many local groups and governments to establish water quality projects and environmental education projects throughout the Delta. These collaborative efforts have built a relationship with the Delta residents based on trust and transparency, which is critical for any future support for bond-funded projects.

The Conservancy Board provides much needed local input into project development, evaluation, and funding decisions. This local input is invaluable in gaining local support for the Delta-related efforts listed in AB 1331. We hope that you will consider carefully the above-mentioned concerns, and how members of the Conservancy Board may be able to assist in developing additional language to address those concerns.

Thank you again for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,



Ken Vogel, *Supervisor*, San Joaquin County  
*Chair*, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

**cc: Conservancy Board - Voting Members**

Michael Cohen, *Director*, Department of Finance  
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The Honorable Senator Lois Wolk  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849, Room 2136  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0063

Dear Senator Wolk:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 848, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014. As you know, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) was established in 2009 to be a lead agency for ecosystem restoration in the Delta and to support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well being of Delta Residents.

At its March 12, 2014, meeting, the Conservancy's Board of Directors approved a motion to provide the following comments on your bill. Gubernatorial appointments to the Board, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency and the Director of Finance, abstained from this action, and this letter in no way implies a recommendation or position from the Administration.

As Chair of the Conservancy Board, and on behalf of many of its voting members, it is gratifying to see serious consideration of Delta needs as listed in Chapter 6 of your legislation, and especially of your consideration in allocating \$800 million to the Conservancy for specified projects.

We are concerned, however, that current language identifying \$500 million for water quality and habitat restoration does not specifically designate the remainder of \$300 million for preserving economically viable and sustainable agriculture and other economic activities in the Delta. The Conservancy Board suggests that you consider adding language that would clarify the split between water quality, restoration, and Delta sustainability. In the view of many on the Board, doing so would go a long-way in building local support for your legislation.



In the three years the Conservancy has been in existence, it has accomplished much, with very little funds. In addition to launching a well-received Delta branding and marketing project, the Conservancy has partnered with many local groups and governments to establish water quality projects and environmental education projects throughout the Delta. These collaborative efforts have built a relationship with the Delta residents based on trust and transparency, which is critical for any future support for bond-funded projects.

The Conservancy Board provides much needed local input into project development, evaluation, and funding decisions. This local input is invaluable in gaining local support for the Delta-related efforts listed in SB 848. We hope that you will consider carefully the above-mentioned concerns, and how members of the Conservancy Board may be able to assist in developing additional language to address those concerns.

Thank you again for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,



Ken Vogel, *Supervisor*, San Joaquin County  
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April 7, 2014

Mr. Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer  
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Governing Board  
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

**RE: Reappointment of Daniel Taylor to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta  
Conservancy Governing Board**

Dear Mr. Ingram:

Please be advised I have reappointed Mr. Daniel Taylor to serve on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Governing Board. The effective date of this term appointment is April 7, 2014 and the expiration date is February 3, 2018.

Listed below is the contact information for my appointee:

Daniel Taylor  
3916 Cresta Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864  
(916) 719-2666 (Mobile Phone)  
dtaylor@winfirst.com

If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



JOHN A. PÉREZ  
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

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